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Announcing Wisconsin Medicaid's companion document for HIPAA-compliant NCPDP 5.1 billing and reversal transactions

The *Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Update* is the first source of program policy and billing information for providers.

Although the *Update* refers to Medicaid recipients, all information applies to BadgerCare recipients and SeniorCare participants also.

Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare are administered by the Division of Health Care Financing, Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, P.O. Box 309, Madison, WI 53701-0309.

For questions, call Provider Services at (800) 947-9627 or (608) 221-9883 or visit our Web site at www.dhfs.state.wi.us/medicaid/.

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The Wisconsin Medicaid companion document for the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA)-compliant National Council for Prescription Drug Programs (NCPDP) 5.1 transactions is now available from Wisconsin Medicaid. Companion documents provide Wisconsin Medicaid-specific information that should be used with the national HIPAA-mandated Implementation Guides. Implementation Guides define the electronic format and values for each data element within an electronic transaction.

The NCPDP 5.1 companion document provides information on Wisconsin Medicaid's and SeniorCare's requirements for NCPDP 5.1 billing and reversal transactions. The NCPDP 5.1 is the format standard for retail pharmacy

drug claims. A future *Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Update* will notify providers of the implementation dates.

Obtaining information

Companion documents are available on the Wisconsin Medicaid Web site at www.dhfs.state.wi.us/medicaid/. For paper copies of companion documents, call Provider Services at (800) 947-9627 or (608) 221-9883.

Members of the NCPDP may download the NCPDP 5.1 HIPAA Implementation Guide from the NCPDP Web site at www.ncdp.org/.

Information regarding Medicaid HMOs

This *Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Update* contains Medicaid fee-for-service information and applies to providers of services to recipients on fee-for-service Medicaid only. For Medicaid HMO or managed care HIPAA-related changes, contact the appropriate managed care organization. Wisconsin Medicaid HMOs are required to provide at least the same benefits as those provided under fee-for-service arrangements.